

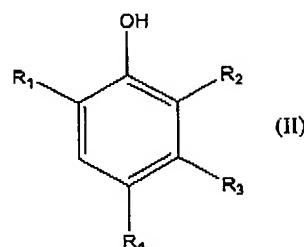
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

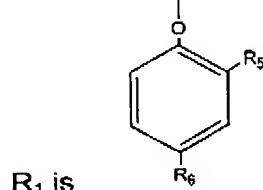
Please cancel Claims 51-58 without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims

59. (new) An antimicrobial composition comprising an antimicrobial effective amount of at least one antimicrobial compound of Formula (II):



wherein



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$R_2$  is hydrogen;

$R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; a hydroxyalkyl group; a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is

optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; and benzyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group;

R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen; and

R<sub>5</sub> is alkoxy;

R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; benzyl, an alkoxy group; phenyl optionally substituted with an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenoxy; and benzyloxy;

with the proviso that:

1) when R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, then R<sub>6</sub> is not hydrogen or methyl;

2) when R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>5</sub> is hydroxyl, then R<sub>6</sub> is not hydrogen;

3) when R<sub>3</sub> is tert butyl and R<sub>5</sub> is hydroxyl, then R<sub>6</sub> is not 4-tert-butyl;

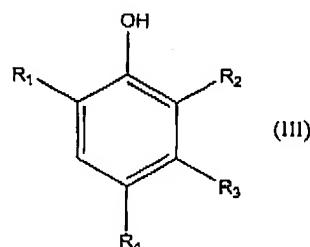
and

an antimicrobial effective carrier.

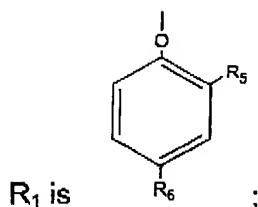
60. (new) The antimicrobial composition of claim 59 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen.

61. (new) The antimicrobial composition of claim 59 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkenyl, phenyl and benzyl.

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62. (new) An oral composition comprising an antimicrobial effective amount of at least one antimicrobial compound of Formula (III):



wherein



R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are each independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; a hydroxyalkyl group; a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; and benzyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group;

R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, benzyl, and phenyl;

R<sub>5</sub> is alkoxy; and

R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; benzyl, an alkoxy group; phenyl optionally substituted with an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, a

cycloalkenyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenoxy; and benzyloxy;

and

an orally acceptable carrier.